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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR INTERFERENCE**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.607(c)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby request that an interference be declared between the instant application ("the Tarara Application") and U.S. Patent No. 6,416,739 to Rogerson et al. ("the Rogerson Patent").

**AMENDMENT**

Claims 2-26 are currently pending in this application.

Please amend Claim 4 and add new Claims 27 and 28.

After this amendment, Claims 2-28 will be pending in this application, as shown in the claim list below.